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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Sam P. Lamerato

Brother Knights,

Vivat Jesus!

On April 7th the Building Corp met at 6:15pm before our 7:00pm K of C meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be available at the *May 12th meeting*.

Many items were discussed at the monthly member meeting:

First, I want to thank the Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Hopcroft, and the Financial Secretary, Craig Massman for filling in for me while I was out of town.

Our scheduled May 5th meetings will be moved to May 12th for both the Building Corp. at 6:15pm and K of C meeting at 7:00pm. This date change was voted on at the April 7th meeting and passed unanimously.

St. Patrick's Day dinner was a huge success. Joe Miller reported they sold over 30 dinners to K of C members and St. Vincent parishioners. *work putting this dinner together. The K of C members would like to thank Joe and Barb Miller and Duane and Marge McLaughlin for all their hard*

I brought up that the St. Vincent dePaul coffers were getting low and I asked for a motion to donate funds from the charity account to the St. Vincent dePaul fund. A motion was made and seconded, discussion was held, and it passed unanimously to donate \$250.00. Additional donations to this fund will be considered in the future.

The Ladies Auxiliary donated \$100.00 to the charity raffle for the state convention on Mackinac Island. I asked for a motion to match the Ladies donation of \$100.00 for the charity raffle. A motion was made seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The ladies Auxiliary also requested a copy of the men's roster so they can send cards and flowers to the family of members who pass away. A motion was made and seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Darren Gray, District Deputy introduced guest speaker Joe Brenner, K of C Archdiocesan Program Director. Joe went

over different K of C programs and the 10784 form to report these programs. The members asked questions regarding the programs that we are currently are doing, and he commented several would qualify and should be listed on the 10748 form.

During Joe Brenner's talk he brought up the ASAP Pass the Hat collection at the K of C State convention. ASAP stands for Aid and Support After Pregnancy. Supreme will match 25% of the funds raised at any state convention to a maximum of \$12,500.00. Matching funds will be made payable to pregnancy resource center and/or maternity homes "in every diocese" selected by the state council. Members were asked if this is something they would like to donate to. A motion was made to donate \$200.00, a second was made and the motion was passed unanimously. The \$200.00 will come from the charity account.

Darren Gray, District Deputy opened nominations of officers for our next fraternal year.

The Madison Family Planning center sent a list of items needed to restock their shelves. The items they are in need of are as follows – "things to donate--diapers--newborn--sizes 1--5--6--pull up all sizes diaper ointment--wipers--baby wash--diaper bags--bottle brushes--high chairs--for starters, thanks for any help your members can give ". Please bring donated items to the May 12th meeting.

The charity poker events were discussed. The April 11th – 13th event was a success. Thank you to all who worked it. The next charity poker dates are May 16th – 18th . Dates and times will be in the May Shield. These poker events added additional funds to our charity account. *Please try to sign-up to help at the May event.*

*The building maintenance and clean-up of the K of C house and property was Saturday, April 19th from 9:00am – noon. The building corp. had several inside repairs/projects planned to include painting of the trim in the basement, cleaning the attic space, main floor, and meeting room. This work is necessary to keep *our* Council house in good working order. As I have said before, many hands lighten the load.*

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Save these dates -

Both K of C Building Corp, meeting 6:15pm and members meeting May 12th at 7:00pm.

The next scheduled mass for the living and deceased members of the Father James B. Heary, O.P. Council 7239 Knights of Columbus will be Sunday, May 18th at 9:00am. If you have a Knights of Columbus shirt or jacket, please wear them for this mass. We are also sponsoring the coffee and donuts after mass. During the April K of C coffee and donuts two men shown interest in joining the K of C. Thank you Bernie Turchin for assisting me in the hall set-up and Tim Oparka and Duane McLaughlin for your assistance on April 13th with the coffee and donuts clean-up. Fr. John also did a shoutout to the Knights at the announcements and said they are always looking for new members.

We are *still* seeking ads for the Shield, both new and renewed. If you have any leads, please pass them on to me. The yearly ad will cost \$60.00.

Please join us at the May 12th meeting and try to contact a Knight who may need assistance with transportation to and from the meeting and offer a ride. We need their support and wisdom!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Sam P. Lamerato

Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 12, 2025

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!

Building Corp Meeting - 6:15 p.m.

Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

**** Meeting In-Person at Council****

Thursday, May 8th, 2025

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -- 6:00 p.m.

**** Meeting at Madhouse ****

Shield Deadline:

Sunday, May 18th, 2025

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(Always 3rd Sunday of Month)

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Easter. Thank you to everyone for their thoughts and prayers on the passing of my Stepfather Dave. He will greatly be missed.

Our Charity Raffle Prize for Mackinac Island is called, "Smitten in the Mitten" Thank you to the Knights for making a donation towards the raffle prize.

At our April meeting, we voted on our Officers, and I would like to announce and welcome everyone back for 2025-2026 year: Amber Thompson-President; Cindy Podgorski- Vice President; Bernie Turchin-Secretary; Mary Thompson-Treasurer. Congratulations Officers!

Our Ladies Birthday Dinner will be on Thursday, May 8th at 6:00p.m. at Madhouse Bar and Grill in Madison Heights. Thank you to Earlene Carlisle for organizing the dinner and to Janice Polan for making the cupcakes. Can't wait to see everyone there!

Please still bring items for the St. Vincent De Paul food bank. They are in need of plastic and paper shopping bags. Madison Family Planning is in need of items as well (Diapers-newborn, size 1,5,6, Pull Ups all sizes, diaper ointment, wipes, baby wash, diaper bags, bottle brushes, and Highchairs). Any donation is appreciated and please bring the items to the Auction/Potluck in June.

Save the Date! Our Ladies Blind Auction/Potluck will be held on Thursday, June 12th at 6:00p.m. at the council. The Dinner will be a Meatball dinner with mashed potatoes, salad, sides, drinks and deserts. Invite your significant others and spouses, and Non-Auxiliary members will pay \$6.00 per person. Ladies, please remember to bring a \$10, wrapped gift for the auction. There will be a 50/50 raffle. We hope to see you there!

Happy May Anniversary to: Lisa and Darren Gray (4)!
Please pray for our prayer list and Happy Mother's Day!

Amber Thompson-President



ELECTION NOMINATIONS

Brother Knights, as mentioned, we need your help to add some life into the council. The last several years have been hard on the council. COVID has thrown a wrench into the works of many organizations, the Knights included. Our council has also lost several active members over the last couple of years, may their souls rest in peace.

That being said, we held nominations for officers at the last meeting and will continue to hold nominations in May, with voting of new officers at the June Meeting. Below is a list of current nominees.

Please note, not all of the nominees were present at the meeting and were not able to accept or decline the nomination. If you read this and see your name on here with an asterisk (*) by it, please contact the Grand Knight (Sam Lamerato - (248) 885-1847) to accept or decline the nomination. If you wish to be nominated, please also contact the Grand Knight.

GRAND KNIGHT

David Hopcroft

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

No Nominations Accepted

TREASURER

No Nominations Accepted

CHANCELLOR

Ron Bertolini – No yet accepted or declined

WARDEN

Randy Carlisle

RECORDER

Bob Pasternak

GUARDS

Mario Limon
Ken Witkowski

ADVOCATE

Samuel Lamerato

TRUSTEE (3 Year)

Duane McLaughlin
Mel Szlag – Not yet accepted or declined

Building Corp News

Brothers, we did a lot of cleanup at the April weekend. And the faucet in the upstairs bathroom has been replaced, thanks to our PGK Darren Gray and the SEVERAL supervisors that he had watching that he maintained high professional performance. The next cleanup will be planned for June.

We'll work on what we can. The more help, the better chance we have at getting most of this done.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/02 James Linn
05/09 Ross Doehrmann
05/10 David Hopcroft
05/11 Rev. Ralph Cahover
05/14 Matt Ventimiglia
05/16 John Raona
05/16 Matthew Skoglund

LADIES AUXILIARY

May BIRTHDAYS

None for May

PRAYER LIST

Deloris Bail, Gene Bosetti, Mark Carlisle, Randy Carlisle, Cathy Curry, Diane Emerick, Jessie Giszczak, Shirley Hopcroft (Dave's Mother), Heather Lang, Silvio Marchesi, Sharon McCoy (Ken Witkowski's Sister), Ron Ploskonka, Yvette Ploskonka, Stefanie Olszewski, Richard Salvatore, Ernie Schied, Tony & Jeanette Szeliga, John Turchin, Matt Ventimiglia, Ken Witkowski.

NOTE: I have cleared out the Prayer List for the new year, except for those who have been added at the last meeting. If you wish to have someone added to this list, please send an email to: editor@kofc7239.org

NOTE: Just a reminder. Please make sure to write names clearly so that I can add them correctly to the sick and deceased list.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Happy Birthday James Linn	3
4	5	6	7	8 <i>6pm Ladies Aux Mtg At Madhouse Bar & Grill</i>	9 Happy Birthday Ross Doehrmann	10 Happy Birthday David Hopcroft
11 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Happy Birthday Rev. Ralph Cahover	12 <i>6:15pm Building Corp 7pm Member Mtg</i> NOTE DATE CHANGE!	13	14 Happy Birthday Matt Ventimiglia	15	16 Happy Birthday John Raona Matthew Skoglund	17
18 SHIELD DEADLINE	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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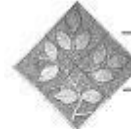
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